## MODERN FABLES:

The Modern Fable of the Maneuvers of Joel and the Disappointed Orphan Asylum.

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An old Residenter who owned a Section of improved Land and some Town Property besides was getting too Feeble to go out and roast the Hired Hands so he turned the Job over to his Son. This Son if you oversleep yourself in the Morning was named Joel. He was Foolish, the same as a Fox. Any one who got ahead such that well come around and call you."

"In other Words me to the Poor House," same as a Fox. Any one who got ahead of Joel had to leave a 4:30 Call and start on a Lope. When it came to Skin Games,

he was the original High-Binder.

Joel took the Old Gentleman aside one
Day and said to him, "Father, you are



not long for this World and to save Lawyer Fees and avoid a tie-up in the Probate Court, I think you ought to cut up your Estate your own self and then your will know it is done Right." How had I bette o Old Gentleman. had I better divide it?" asked

the Old Gentleman.

You can put the whole Shooting-Match it my Name," suggested Joel. "That will nove a lot of Writing. Then if any other Relatives need anything, they can come is me and try to Borrow it."

Joel sent for a cut-rate Shyster who cought a bundle of Papers tied with a creen Braid and assured the Old Gentleman.

an that the Proceeding was a Mere ormality. When a Legal Wolf wants work the Do-Do on a Soft Thing he Iways springs that Gag about a Mere

Joel and the Shell-Worker moved the Old Gentleman up to a Table in the Front Room and put a Cushion under him and dipped a Pen into his Hand and showed

him where to Sign.

After he got through filling the Blank paces with his John Hancock, he didn't are a Window to hoist or a Fence to an on. He was simply sponging on

The went on for about a Month and the Joel began to Fret. "I don't think I am getting a Square Deal," said Jeel. "Here is an Ancient Party without any Assets who fives with the Week in and Week out and doesn't pay any Board. He is getting too Old and Webbly to do Odd Jobs around the



Place and it looks to me like an awful

Imposition."

So he went to the Old Gentleman and said: "Father, I know the Children must annoy you a good deal; they make so much Noise when they play House. Sometimes we want to use the Piano after it is your Bed-Time and of course that treaks your Rest, so I have been thinking that you would be a lot better off in seeme Institution where they make a Specialty of looking after Has-Beens, I have discovered a nice, quiet Place. You will live in a large Brick Building with a lovely Cupoa on top. There is a very pretty Lawn with Flower Beds and also

said the Old Residenter.

"You need not call it that unless you want to," said Joel. "If you choose, you may speak of it as the Home for Aged Persons who got Foolish with their Fountain Pens."

So led not bis Father into the Spring

So Joel put his Father into the Spring wagon and hauled him over the Hills to the Charity Pavillion where all the Old Gentleman had to do was to sit around in the Sun looking at the Pictures in last ear's Illustrated Papers and telling what

a Chump he had been.
But sometimes a Man is not all in, sima Chump he had been.
But sometimes a Man is not all in, simply because he looks to be wrinkled and doddering. Joel's Father had a few Things coming to him. Although he had been double-crossed and put through the Ropes, he still had a Punch left. He sent for a Lawyer who was even more Crafty than the one employed by Joel and he said to him: "There is a Loop-Hole in every Written Instrument, if one only knows how to find it. I want you to set aside that fool Deed."

Next Day the Lawyer came for him in a double-seated Carriage and said: "They forget to put on a Revenue Stamp and so the Transfer is off."

"And do I get all of my Property back again?" asked the Old Residenter.

"You get half," was the Reply of the Lawyer.

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"Give me mine," said the Old Kesidenter. "I'm from Wisconsin and I want it in the Hand. Whatever I own from this time on, I carry right in my Clothes and any Relative who separates me from it



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He bought himself a hot Raglan with a surcingle around it and a very doggy line of Cravats, and when he went into the Dining Room he picked out a Table which commanded a View of the Door at which the Girls came in.

All this time Joel was worried. seemed a Sin and a Shame for an Old Man to go around spending his own

### GREAT MYSTERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SOLVED BY THE PRESS.

Three Problems, the Russell Sage, the Mary Martin and the Guldensuppe Cases, Which Baffled the Police and Were Solved Entirely by Reporters.

## HOW THEY WERE WORKED AND EXPLAINED.

affective theme for the man with imagination, have reached some of their highest forms in this country. Richmond terself had one in the John W. Scott tase, which will probably pass on record as one of the unsolved crimes of this city's history, despite the assiduous and unfeltering mobiling of Pinkerton's men.

ears, largely through the ordinality of the trime, and the more obscure Mary Martin case, which in its way offered one of the most striking problems the police of New York had ever been called upon

RUSSELL SAGE CASE.

In the Russell Sage case, some ten or twelve years ago, an Anarchist, whose identity was unknown, with a dynamite bomb stalked into the office of the great New York financier and demanded a large sum of money from Mr. Sage, under threat of blowing up the building. Mr. Sage refused to give this money and the bomb was thrown. The man who had the bomb was torn to pleces by the explosion, his clothing destroyed, and Mr. Sage only saved his life by stepping behind one of his clerks who was present at the time. This case has been kept in the public eye until the last few years by a suit for \$15,000 damages filed by the clerk against Mr. Sage, The clerk held that he had been used as a shield and got four verdicts before Mr. Sage would agree to compromise the matter. RUSSELL SAGE CASE.

In the Russell Sage case, some ten or twelve years ago, an Anarchist, whose identity was unknown, with a dynamite both the prolice and detectives the credit of running down criminals and solving mysteries, but as a matter of fact, at least three of the greatest mysteries this country has ever known were unravelled by newspaper men.

Detectives, nine out of ten of them, will declare that publicity will make the setection of any crime more difficult. Let, strangely enough, the three great mysteries referred to were solved largely through the publicity given to them. The telling of how certain great mysteries have been solved will be confined herein to the famous Russell Sage case, in New York, where the noted millionaire was threatened by a bomb and his assailant himself lost his life; to the Guldensuppe case, which only a few years seed the bomb-thrower had been left, string the country at large by the RUSSELL SAGE CASE.

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this case offered a remarkable problem to the police. There seemed no way to show the identity of the dead man One of the newspaper men assigned to this case by a New York paper, in looking over the scene of the explosion later, picked up a button which had been a part of the dead man's clothing. To this button was attached a small strip of cloth.

Working from this minute one the identity of the bomb-thrower was established. The reporter, who had previously distinguished himself in work of this kind, was given permission to work this clue alone and a large expense account was allowed. First to find out where the button was made. This was done by a tour of the button houses of New York and the identification of a certain mark on the button as that of a factory in Massachusetts. Then began the button chase. The reporter went personally to the factory and found that there were probably thousands of buttons identically like this one, but he persevered and followed that button over half a dozen States. Working from this minute oue

dozen States. It was in Ohio finally that he found It was in Onto inally that he round the first trace of the Anarchist's identity. Some clothing with this particular button had been sold to a firm there, and the reporter began inquiries of this firm to learn to whom these clothes were sold. He finally found that one of the

sold. He finally found that one of the sen to whom a sale had been made, a man of Anarchistic tendencies, had mysteriously disappeared. This was the beginning of the end, and from Ohio the reporter wired back the story of the identification to New York. The police were nonplussed. The amount of detailed work that had been done was stupendous, more than they would ever modertaken. For his work on this case the reporter received a large check come use other of the paper. om the owner of the paper. MARY MARTIN CASEA

A few years later the Mary Martin case came up in New York. The body of a negro woman, cut up into small 6 o'clock one morning, in the areaway of a bank in Sixth Avenue. There was absolutely no trace of any one in connection with the case, and such care had been taken to conceal the woman's identity that every bit of the clothing and been removed.

will have to set his Request to Music. Then he went to a Physician.

"Doc," he says, "they are counting son me but I figure that before I cash in I have time to spend all that I have. Look me over and tell me how long I would last on a Waldorf Diet. I want to gaussiny Expenses so as to leave nothing behind for Joel except a Ha-Ha Messagand and a few Heirlooms."

"If you want to euchre your Family why don't you leave it to an Orphan Asylum," said the Old Residenter.

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"They would bring a million Witnesses to prove that I had becout of my Head for 29 years and I wouldnot be there to contradict them. I learn that by a singular Coincidence, all the Old People who leave their Money to liospitals and the like are Mentally irresponsible. In order to prove that I am in myright Senses, I will Blow mine."

So he went to Palm Beach and other Winter Resorts at which they charge by the Minute and wherever he went he gave a faithful Imitation of the Cowboy's first Night in Town.

He bought himself a hot Raglan with a chart work and there was no reason to any one cise to suspect him of the crime. Ceasar's arrest. Ceasar meanwhile had been steadily at work, and there was no reason to any one clse to suspect him of the crime.

CEASAR CONFESSED. At length the reporter wrote a complete story of the crime, his investigations, turned it over to his office, where it was put in type with orders to hold it until he himself released it for publication. Then, at 2 o'clock in the morning, accompanied by an assistant, he went to Ceasar's room, knocked on the door, and Ceasar opened it to find himself facing a large revolver. self facing a large revolver.
"Where is Mary Martin?" demanded

the reporter.

Surprised into confession, Ceasar told of the crime in detail, how he had cut up the body and disposed of it. Then the reporter left Ceasar under guard of the reporter left Ceasar under guard of his assistant, went to a telephone and released the story, making great additions to it as to Ceasar's confession. Between them they kept Ceasar under guard until 6 o'clock in the morning, long after the papers were out, and then rurned him over to the police Chief Tom Bytnes at that time came nearer better beaut failure than over heart solling tha Tom Byrnes at that time came nearer having heart failure than even before in his life, the surprise was so great. Ceasar was condo nned to the electric chair, but died in prison.

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Another problem of identification was effered in the Guldensuppe case. Portions of a body had been found in East River, but the head was missing. For several weeks the work of trying to identify the body went on steadily. At length one night a reporter, who had just that night fallen into disgrace with his paper, and had as a result taken too much to drink, went to a Turkish bath to sweat it out. There he heard two or three attendants talking of one of their number who had been missing for some time. He had, it seems, a peculiar mark on his body.

The reporter heard this, and instantly, more than sobered, he climbed out of

more than sobered, he climbed out of the Turkish bath, took one of the atthe Turkish bath, took one of the attendants to the Morgue, where identification was made, the mark being very clear, and then the reporter went back to the paper and redeemed himself. Following this came the arrest of Mrs. Augusta Nack, who was a party to the crime, and the man who had done the cutting. This was pure luck, but redounds to the credit of the press as having solved three of the greatest mysteries which the police of this country have ever faced.

### WANTS TO BE GOOD.

Thieves' Life.

Morris Stick, nine years old, shop-lifter and pickpocket, is in the Newark, N. J., jail, awaiting commitment, probably to the State Reform School at Jamesburg. This is the third time he has been arrested within two months.

When the child was arraigned in the First Criminal Court Judge Lambert said:

Surely this mits has committed no

"He is one of the cleverest thieves in Newark," responded big Policeman Lo-

Newark," responded big Policeman Lovatt, who arrested Morris.

The policeman explained that the child frequented crowded Market and Broad Streets during the busicst shopping hours and also wormed through the congested ansies of the big department stores.

"We have traced many a stolen pocketbook and article to this boy and his brother," said Policeman Lovatt. "They are part of an organized band of young thieves. They are so clever that unless we can catch them red-handed, they sip away like so many eels. We are convinced the boys have an instructor in some person bigger and older than themselves, who is a veritable Fag.n."

While the big policeman was talking little Morris smiled. His tone was boastful as he admitted:

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let go."

The clanging of a cell door behind him caused the child to cry and after a while

caused the said:

"Gee, I like ter git outer here. I'm supposed to be at school. I don't want no more jall. Der's nothin' in stealin' an' I'm goin' ter give it up an' be good w'en dev let me go.

The boy knows his instructor in crime only by a nickname, but he furnished the police with a description by which they hope to apprehend the Fagin and effectually break up the band of youthful thisves.

#### ACCEPTS INVITATION.

The Hon. Champ Clark to Speak at Church i a.. quet Here-Religious News.

The Hon, Champ Clark, of Missouri, the distinguished humorist and member of Congress, has accepted the invitation to speak at the annual banquet of the male members of the Seventh-Street Christian Church, which will be held a Christian Church, which will be held a week from to-morrow in the lecture-room of the church. This banquet will be a great affair and is looked forward to with much interest. Among the other speakers who have been invited are the Rev. F. D. Power, Ph. D., of Washington, and President B. A. Jenkins, of the Kentucky University, at Lexington.

Mrs. J. G. Chasti, one of the missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has broken down in health and writes to Dr. R. J. Willingham, secretary of the Board, asking to be a lowed to return to this country. She is stationed at Guadalajara, Mexico, and has been there about thirteen years.

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Mexico, and has been there about thirteen years.

At a meeting of the Board held Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Chasti was authorized to return if she so desires. Along with her she will bring ner children. Her husband will remain. Mrs. Chasti is a native of Virginia and was for some tine a resident of the Eastern Shore.

The Kev. Herbert M. Hope, one of the editors of the Christian Advocate, was seen vesterday with reference to the

contors of the Christian Advocate, was seen yesterday with reference to the card published by the Rev. W. P. Hinesof Norfolk, in which the Richmond minister was taken somewhat to task. Mr Hope declined to talk about the matter further than to say that he would regard it as a reflection upon himself to tak. it as a reflection upon himself to take any notice whatsoever of the absurd at-

tack.

Dr. A. B. Simpson, paster of the Tabernacle Church, of New York, will visit this city on the first of March and on the first three days of the month will hold services in the Union Station Methodist Church. There will be three meetings each day.

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Dr. Simpson is easily one of the most distinguished ministers in the American outpit. Het is the president of the great Missionary Alliance and while here will speak specially of the work of this organization.

The Presbyterian Committee on Ministerial Relief met Tuesday night at the residence of Mr. S. H. Hawes, No. 422 East Franklin Street, and adopted a manual of rules for the government of the work of dence of Mr. S. H. Hawes, No. 422 East Franklin Street, and adopted a manual of rules for the government of the work of the committee. The members present were as follows: Dr. R. P. Kerr, Dr. Russell Cecil, Mr. Hawes, Mr. C. D. Larus, and Mr. John L. Munce.

The regular meeting of the Ladles' Missionary Society will be held this afternon at 4 o'clock in the church parlor. A missionary tea and sociable will take the place of the regular business. A pleasant programme has been arranged. The ladies of the church and congregation and any other friends interested in missionary work are most cordially invited to attend. There will be an important meeting of the vestry of St. Luke's Church after the service to-night. All members are requested to be present.

The many friends of Dr. Charles Ryland, of Richmond College, will be glad to hear that he is considerably improved in health. He was out Tuesday for the first time since his late illness.

Dr. R. H. Pitt, of the Religious Herald, who has been quite slek for some time, is gradually improving.

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### ISLES OF SAFETY.

Their Establishment in New York Won'd Be Beneficial.

(New York World.) Many street crossings in this city are

Many street crossings in this city are regular death-traps.

A person really takes a greater risk in crossing Park Row near the bridge entrance, or Thirty-fourth Street at Broadway, than in crossing the ocean in a first-class steamer. A new plan, however, has been suggested to help get us home alive. The plan, practically new to New York, though of established worth in other cities both in this country and abroad, is to have "isles of safety" in the middle of the street. These refuges not only serve to divide traffic to right and left, but they afford pedestrians a chance to stop in the middle of the street to see what dangers they will encounter before advancing further. By elevating them slightly above the roadway and placing ornamental lights on them they are made not only havens of safety, but also ornaments to the city.

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For the Year Ending December 31st, 1901.

ASSETS  al Estate, Book Value	LIABILITIES
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PREMIUM INCOME, 1887-\$ 99.566.00 1888-\$127.049.00 1889-\$151.54 1890-\$ 234.547.00 1891-\$395.447.67 1892-\$475.520.24 1893-\$ 546.151.15 1894-\$551.794.51 1895-\$591.380.56 1896-\$712.931.92 897-\$752.214.87 1898-\$852.409.03 1899-\$937.900.79 0-51.087.272.02 1901-\$1.151.662.87

FIFTEEN YEARS GROWTH.

Gross Income, 1901, INSURANCE IN FORCE Total Number Policies in Force,

\$1,195,769 12 \$29,938,630 00 270,566

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